

Testimony of Devon Harris
Quinebaug Valley Community College
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Representative Walker, Senator Osten, Senator Formica, and members of the Appropriations Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you tonight.

Hello, my name is Devon Harris, and I am resident of Killingly, CT. I have been a student at Quinebaug Valley Community College since the Fall of 2015. Currently, I am perusing an associates degree in business administration at the college because it provided me with an affordable option to explore the career I wanted. Because I get my entire tuition covered by federal aid and the Connecticut state pell grant, I have not worried about the financial burden of college since I've been attending.

Since I've been at Quinebaug Valley Community College, I have felt more than prepared for my transfer and career. I am an active student at my college; being involved as a student government officer, representative to the Student Advisory Council for the Board of Regents, and a work study student. Because the college has such phenomenal staff and faculty, my college experience has been exceptional. They have all been devoted to my success.

With all of this in mind, I believe that the CSCU system provides every student with the essential tools to be successful in and out of the workplace. I know that many students around the state feel the same as I do, so I hope that the system can keep its supportive attitude towards students for years to come.

Thank you again for the opportunity to tell my story to you tonight.